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4) Serial No.: 09/822,523  
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9) Member Formed From A Sheet  
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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), applicants bring to the attention of the  
Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure  
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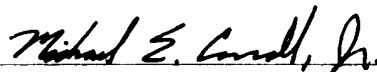
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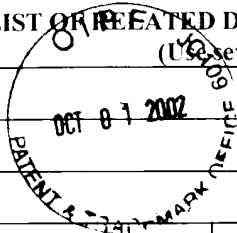
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